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1. WEEKEND MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE IO FOREIGN MINISTER

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RATSIRAKA'S PEKING VISIT JANUARY 14-18. ALL REPORTED TWO

AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHI JANUARY 18, ONE ON TRADE, THE OTHER ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. TEXTS SO FAR NOT RELEASED; FURTHER AMPLIFICATION WILL PROBABLY BE RESERVED FOR PRESS INTERVIEW ON RATSIRAKA'S RETURN.

2. CHI'S PLATITUDINOUS EXPRESSIONS, CARRIED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF RATSIRAKA'S BANQUET, E.G. "VISIT OF MALAGASY DELEGATION HAD SATISFACTORY RESULTS" AND "AGREEMENTS REACHED WILL CONTRIBUTE TO CONSOLIDATING AND REINFORCEMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND MADAGASCAR," LEAVE CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT MALAGASY CAME AWAY WITH ANYTHING VERY CONCRETE. RATSIRAKA'S SOMEWHAT Milder THAN USUAL COMMENTS CONCERNING STRUGGLES OF THE THIRD WORLD WOULD SEEM TO CONFIRM THIS.

3. RATSIRAKA CALLED ON CHOU EN-LAI AFTERNOON JANUARY 18 AND ALSO MADE VISITS TO AGRICULTURAL COMMUNE AND SMALL FARM MACHINERY FACTORY, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS PICKED UP FROM NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY.

4. RATSIRAKA AND PARTY, REPORTEDLY NOW IN PARIS, APPARENTLY DUE BACK TANANARIVE THIS WEEK.

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